

"What?" exclaimed Mayer, confounded, astounded, "it was your Majesty! I—I—I—"

"It was Lieutenant Bonaparte," said Napoleon, smiling, "to whom you would, but for your good-natured little

"To call yourself bootmaker to his Majesty the Emperor Napoleon, and the ex-Lieutenant of artillery, smiling, 'Oh, your Majesty, I am over the shoe!'

"Very well, Paul, I shall sign the contract of marriage between yourself and Claudia."

"Claudia!" cried Paul.

"It appears so. And now, Paul, run away, send Caulinecourt to me, and don't be carried away by the women to neglect your duty."

Paul, Katerina and Mayer went out, after again expressing their thanks, and adjourned to the apartments of the Commander-in-Chief, where, again, at full

length, and over a dinner, they talked over the past. Mayer was lost in ecstasies at having furnished the future Emperor and his friend, on credit, with boots; but this delight was a little abated when Paul insisted on Mayer, on the epoch of his marriage with Katerina, shutting up shop and retiring from busi-

ness. The good German grumbled excessively; but a smile from Katerin soon set aside all his scruples, while the old man himself smiled grimly at a thought which illuminated his brain suddenly.

A month later, Napoleon being about to leave Paris, the marriage took place.

and Katerina became a General's wife. Paul—a thorough soldier's braver, and noble character—rose in his profession even higher, and proved a good husband and an excellent father. Neither he nor his wife ever changed their principles, serving Napoleon only from the conviction that, after the Revolution and

A few months after the marriage of Paul and Katerina, the grim smile of Meyer was explained. The ex-shoemaker had retired from business, as he

promised, and had purchased a cottage on the road to St. Cloud. One day Paul and Katerina, in an open carriage with the Emperor and the Empress Josephine, stopped to speak with him a moment, as he stood smoking his pipe on a little eminence overlooking the road. Paul and Katerina blushed up

On a large brass plate on the dome was engraved: "Leopold Mayer, late Shoemaker to His Majesty the Emperor Napoleon."

A WISE REMARK. — "Having in my youth," says a celebrated Persian writer, "notions of severe piety, I used to rise in the night to watch, pray, and to read the Koran. One night, whilst deeply engaged in these exercises, a man of practical virtue awoke whilst I was reading. 'B-hold,' said I to him

Among the passengers in a stage

coach was a little gentleman who had possibly seen five summers. The coach being quite full, he sat in the lap of another passenger. While on the way something was said about pickpockets and soon the conversation became general on that interesting subject. The gentleman who was then holding out

A DRUNKEN Englishman said to Judge Ledwith, of New York, the other day: "Your honor, I'm a no-buddy."

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